OPINION 1192
LECANIUM ACUMINATUM SIGNORET, 1873 (INSECTA, HOMOPTERA, COCCIDAE): NEOTYPE DESIGNATED

RULING.— (1) Under the plenary powers, the neotype proposed by Ben-Dov, 1976, for the nominal species *Lecanium acuminatum* Signoret, 1873, is hereby confirmed.

(2) The generic name *Kilifia* de Lotto, 1965 (gender: feminine), type species, by original designation, *Lecanium acuminatum* Signoret, 1873, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2134.

(3) The specific name *acuminatum* Signoret, 1873, as published in the binomen *Lecanium acuminatum*, and as defined by reference to the neotype confirmed under the plenary powers in (1) above (specific name of type species of *Kilifia* de Lotto, 1965) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2764.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2119

An enquiry as to the best procedure to be followed in securing the name *Lecanium acuminatum* Signoret, 1873, in its accepted sense was first received from Dr. Y. Ben-Dov (then of *Plant Protection Research Institute, Pretoria, R.S.A.*) on 19 March 1975. An application was then prepared and sent to the printer on 16 May 1975; it was published on 30 January 1976 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, pp. 257–260. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to five general and seven entomological serials. The application was supported by Dr. Douglass R. Miller, Dr. Louise M. Russell and Dr. S. Nakahara (*USDA, Beltsville, Maryland, U.S.A.*). No adverse comment was received. Dr. Holthuis observed that *Lecanium acuminatum* Signoret, 1873, was the type species of *Kilifia* de Lotto, 1965, by original designation, so that the applicant's request for its designation as such under the plenary powers was not required.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 5 September 1980 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1980)28 for or against the proposals published in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, pp. 259–260. At the close of the voting period on 5 December 1980, the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) received in the

following order: Melville, Holthuis, Willink, Mroczkowski, Brinck, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin, Lehtinen, Hahn, Tortonese, Corliss, Habe, Ride, Welch, Alvarado, Cogger, Sabrosky, Heppell, Halvorsen, Nye, Bayer

Negative Vote — Dupuis

Vokes was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Binder and Kraus.

Professor Dupuis commented 'Néotype = faux légal'.

Dr. Sabrosky commented 'Re the Holthuis comment, the author no doubt wished to be sure that the designation of *acuminatum* was in the sense of the neotype and not of *acuminatum* Signoret as a synonym of *hesperidum*'.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

acuminatum, Lecanium, Signoret, 1873, *Ann. Soc. entomol. France* (5) vol. 3, p. 397, pl. 11, fig. 1

Kilifia de Lotto, 1965, *Bull. Brit. Mus. nat. Hist.* (Entomol.), vol. 16, p. 206.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(80)28 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1192.

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Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
16 March 1981